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## TENNESSEE FARMERS EXPRESS EARLY PLANS FOR 2010

**NASHVILLE, March 31, 2010** – According to a recent survey of producers conducted by the Tennessee Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, farmers have given a preliminary snapshot of their planting intentions for this upcoming season. Soybean acreage is projected at 1.43 million acres, down 140,000 acres from last year’s 1.57 million acre crop. Winter wheat acreage is forecast to decrease to 290,000 acres, down 140,000 acres from the previous year. Cotton and corn acreage are expected to absorb most of the slack for the decline in wheat and soybean acreage. Debra Kenerson, Director, explained that the survey results are a snapshot as of March 1, and are subject to change. “This survey is our first look at what farmers intend to grow during the upcoming crop year. However, economic changes and weather conditions both play major roles in the final outcome.” The March 1 survey showed the following results: **corn** acreage, up 6 percent from last year to 710,000 acres; **soybeans**, down 9 percent to 1,430,000 acres; **cotton** intentions, 380,000 acres, up 27 percent from last year’s planted acreage of 300,000; **winter wheat** seedings, at 290,000 acres, down 140,000 acres or 33 percent from the previous year; and **hay** acreage, down slightly to 1.90 million acres.

Planted Acreage, Tennessee and United States, 2008-2009 and Intended 2010

Crop	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>	2010/2009	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>	2010/2009
Tennessee					United States			
	1,000 Acres			Percent	1,000 Acres			Percent
Corn	690	670	710	106	85,982	86,482	88,798	103
Cotton, all	285	300	380	127	9,471	9,149	10,505	115
Hay <sup>2</sup>	1,870	1,915	1,900	99	60,152	59,755	60,460	101
Soybeans	1,490	1,570	1,430	91	75,718	77,451	78,098	101
Tobacco, all <sup>2</sup>	21.8	21.6	22.3	103	354.49	354.14	334.02	94
Dark fired-cured	7.2	6.4	6.0	94	18.60	16.15	15.65	97
Burley	13.0	14.0	15.0	107	97.50	101.90	97.80	96
Dark air-cured	1.6	1.2	1.3	108	8.50	5.80	5.80	100
Winter Wheat	620	430	290	67	46,307	43,311	37,698	87

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings for 2010. <sup>2</sup> Acres harvested.

### U.S. SUMMARY

**Corn** growers intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up 3 percent from both last year and 2008. Expected acreage is up in many States due to reduced winter wheat acreage and expectations of improved net returns. Acreage increases of 300,000 or more are expected in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio. The largest decreases are expected in Iowa, down 200,000 acres, and Texas, down 150,000 acres.

**Soybean** producers intend to plant 78.1 million acres in 2010, up less than 1 percent from last year. If realized, the United States planted area will be the largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 or more are expected in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The largest decreases are expected in Georgia and North Carolina, both 150,000 acres less than 2009. If intentions are realized, the planted acreage in Kansas, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania will be the largest on record.

**All cotton** plantings for 2010 are expected to total 10.5 million acres, 15 percent above last year. Upland acreage is expected to total 10.3 million acres, up 15 percent. Growers intend to increase planted area in all States except Arkansas, Kansas, and Louisiana. The largest acreage increase is in Texas where producers intend to plant 600,000 acres more acres of upland cotton than in 2009. American-Pima cotton growers intend to increase their plantings by 34 percent from 2009 to 190,000 acres. California producers intend to plant 165,000 acres, up 39 percent from last year.

**All wheat** planted area is estimated at 53.8 million acres, down 9 percent from 2009. The 2010 winter wheat planted area, at 37.7 million acres, is 13 percent below last year but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 28.3 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.0 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.4 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2010 is estimated at 13.9 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Of this total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2010 is estimated at 2.22 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

U.S. all **tobacco** area for harvest in 2010 is expected to be 334,020 acres, down 6 percent from 2009 and 2008. Expected decreases in flue-cured, burley, and fire-cured tobacco will offset increases in cigar type tobacco.

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